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ATHLETICS AND CHICAGO ARE NOW MOST FAVORED

Last Year's Pennant Winners In American and National Leagues Are Not Likely to Repeat This Season. Both Races Prove Interesting.

With the major league baseball season almost half over, it begins to look very much as if neither winner of last year will repeat.

It is too early to make any predictions, for there is ample time for a general shifting in the positions held by the teams in the National and American Leagues before October 15, when the season closes.

On the form shown so far by Pittsburgh and Detroit it looks as if some other club would fly the banner in each league this year.

Hughes Jennings has not given up hope of landing his fourth pennant for Detroit, and as the Tigers have had a reputation of making a strong finish ever since Jennings took charge of them, this team must not be counted out of all chances for the championship.

The Detroit team of 1910 does not look like the team that has won the pennant three times in succession. The Tigers sported a lot of new players in the first two or three weeks of the season, but they have fallen back again, and it will take an unusual reversal of form to bring them to the fore.

Detroit does not play with the dash and spirit which characterized its work last year and the year previous. Jennings works just as hard and still the old fire and spirit, and his team lacks the speed on the bases, the terrific slugging and that spirit of confidence which made the Tigers team so feared at any stage of the game, no matter how far behind they were in the score.

Lose Much Ground.
Unless Detroit takes a brace soon the team will be so far down in the race that it will be impossible for it to regain the lead with such teams as the Athletics, New York, and Boston ahead of it and all going at a winning clip. Should the Tigers manage to win the American League pennant this year they will accomplish what no other major league team has been able to do in the history of the National or American Leagues—win four championships in succession. Chicago has twice captured three pennants in a row, and Boston, Baltimore, and Pittsburgh each won it three successive years in the National League while Detroit is the only team that has won the pennant three successive years in the American League.

From present indications it looks as if there was an excellent chance of the American League being won by the Eastern team. The Athletics are now out in front and running a race that will be hard to beat, but New York is picking pretty close and Boston is only a few points behind the Yankees and playing in great form. With these three teams in front Detroit does not look to have a chance at present, but Jennings' crew have been further back than they are now and won out. They still have a chance to repeat, unless the other three clubs continue their winning career.

Athletics Favored.
Of the Athletics, New York and Boston the former appears the strongest, and in Mack's pitchers hold out and no accidents occur to weaken the infield, the Athletics have a splendid chance to capture their third championship pennant. If the race was among these three the Athletics would not doubt be given the place of favorite, but they have outplayed both the Highlanders and Red Sox easily. Boston has a great staff of pitchers, and if they are through the season in good shape the Red Sox are bound to make trouble for any team that is banking on winning the pennant.

The Yankees, who made such a sorry showing in the last two series with the Athletics, have held on to second place because of their ability to beat other teams outside of the Athletics. All along the critics have been expecting Stallings' men to weaken, but they are still second and close enough to bear watching all the time.

The Western teams have the advantage this year, inasmuch as the Athletics play the final series in the West. It is hardly likely that either Cleveland or Chicago will get close to first place, and while St. Louis has been going at a fast clip lately, the Browns cannot be considered as having a chance of getting into the first division. Cleveland appears to be just a little short of first division form, though they may yet dislodge Detroit, and the Chicago White Sox with practically a new team in the field cannot be expected to give the leaders much trouble.

Expect Good Fight.
The American League race looks like a close contest to the finish, and the team with the staying qualities will win out. Both the Athletics and Boston have won pennants, and it would be a great victory if the Highlanders could capture the flag. But Connie Mack has his eye on the batting for his new park, and unless something happens to the Athletics between now and the end of the season, New York and Boston will have to show an improvement in their

Clubs' Standings and Possibilities

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.
No Games Scheduled.

Today's Games.

Detroit and Philadelphia.
Chicago at New York.
Cleveland at Boston.
St. Louis at Washington.

Standing of the Clubs.

| | W. | L. | Pct. | Win. | Lose. |
|------------|----|----|------|------|-------|
| Phila. | 47 | 23 | .671 | 576 | 662 |
| New York | 41 | 29 | .586 | 592 | 577 |
| Boston | 41 | 29 | .586 | 571 | 561 |
| Detroit | 41 | 33 | .554 | 569 | 547 |
| Cleveland | 29 | 35 | .453 | 462 | 446 |
| Chicago | 31 | 33 | .449 | 457 | 443 |
| Washington | 21 | 39 | .348 | 389 | 501 |
| St. Louis | 22 | 47 | .319 | 329 | 514 |

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.

Boston, 5; St. Louis, 2.
Brooklyn, 2; Cincinnati, 0.
New York, 10; Chicago, 9.

Today's Games.

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh.
New York at Chicago.
Brooklyn at Cincinnati.
Boston at St. Louis.

Standing of the Clubs.

| | W. | L. | Pct. | Win. | Lose. |
|--------------|----|----|------|------|-------|
| Chicago | 46 | 25 | .648 | 633 | 529 |
| New York | 41 | 28 | .594 | 609 | 586 |
| Pittsburgh | 33 | 31 | .520 | 537 | 522 |
| Cincinnati | 27 | 37 | .421 | 473 | 544 |
| Philadelphia | 32 | 35 | .477 | 478 | 482 |
| St. Louis | 31 | 40 | .437 | 444 | 491 |
| Brooklyn | 28 | 38 | .423 | 432 | 483 |
| Boston | 27 | 47 | .366 | 473 | 589 |

form to wrest first place from the White Elephants.

The National League race is almost as big a problem to solve as the American League. Chicago looks to have the best chance at present, but New York is making a great fight, and the Pirates have at last shown something of their season's form and are holding on to third place. With the Highlanders fighting for the lead in the American League, the Giants' position is not so good. The Cubs in the National League have every reason to be baseball mad, and it is. The Giants have been playing in-and-out ball, however, and with a pitching staff that cannot be relied upon, outside of Mathewson, McGraw's clan appears to have a contract on its hands that it can hardly fill.

By bolstering up his pitching staff, Frank Chance put the Cubs in the running again, and the team's hitting strength and ability to play inside baseball makes it a strong choice for the pennant. Weakness in the box has practically kept the Pirates out of the race so far this season, but with a half season to go the Pirates may make a strong finish, and if the pitchers regain their form, Chicago and New York will have to keep hustling to keep the Pirates out of first place.

Where Giants Lose.

New York's weakness so far has been against second division teams, Boston and Brooklyn throwing several jolts into the Giants' aspirations. The Giants can beat Chicago, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia, but it is the other teams that are troubling them.

Just at present the race is very close. Chicago having only a slight lead on the Giants. Pittsburgh is several games behind and being closely pressed by Cincinnati. The present tour of the Eastern teams is likely to make some changes and give a better idea as to the chances of the West keeping the pennant in its territory. New York is the only Eastern team in the first division, and unless Cincinnati weakens or the Phillies show a winning spirit, they will have to play better ball than they have been doing lately.

The Phillies have been going along pretty steadily during the last two or three weeks, but have not been able to improve enough to win several games in a row and get into the first division. That 70 mark seems to be about the best Dool's men can do, and they have not been able to make that and hold it for any length of time. The Phillies have a chance to get into the first division on the present Western trip, but the team will have to play better ball than it has been doing lately.

He Is Going Good, Despite Defeat by Athletics



"WILD BILL" DONOVAN, Detroit Pitcher, Who Has Won Five and Lost Two Games This Season.

JOHNSON GREETED BY GREAT CROWD

New York Police Forbid Auto Parade and Speech From Balcony.

NEW YORK, July 11.—Despite the fact that the Twentieth Century Limited, on which Jack Johnson came to New York, was delayed three and a half hours because of a wreck on the New York Central just south of Albany, 15,000 inhabitants of the "Black Belt" swarmed around the Grand Central Depot from early morning, waiting to greet the conqueror of Jim Jeffries.

One hundred policemen were on duty, while mounted reserves were held ready in the neighboring precincts to disperse the crowds if the occasion demanded. The refusal of the Police Commissioner Baker to allow several brass bands to lead a procession of 100 automobiles through the streets, in honor of Johnson, angered the negroes, who planned to hold the automobile parade at all hazards. White owners of garages and private automobiles refused to rent machines to negroes for use in the parade, but two negroes who kept garages were willing to give their cars away, if necessary, to have plenty on hand. Seventy-five negroes were found who own cars, and these were commandeered.

Johnson is billed to appear this week at Hammerstein's Roof Garden, at a salary of \$3,000. Johnson's train was due at 9:30, and it was planned that he should immediately enter a waiting automobile, and followed by 100 or more machines, drive to Baron Wilkens' saloon, in West thirty-fifth street. Here he was to be met by a band and escorted to the balcony overlooking the street, where he was to "make some remarks." Then he was to go to Wilkens' saloon, where he was to spend a large portion of it in entertaining the negro champions.

Chief Inspector Schmitz declared that under no circumstances would Johnson be allowed to make a speech from the balcony of Wilkens' had been distributed by the reception committee of New York into all the highways and byways where negroes are to be found.

The doggers read as follows: "To every colored man, woman, and child in Greater New York: Be at the Grand Central Station at 9:30 o'clock Monday morning, and let us all shake hands with the greatest of the twentieth century. Come any way you can. Come in vehicles or on foot. Come any way. Only be sure to come. All there." THE COMMITTEE.

They all came from the looks of the Grand Central depot.

OLDFIELD SEEKS RECORD.

PHILADELPHIA, July 11.—Barney Oldfield, the speed king, is anxious to have a try at the mile record for the Point-to-Point track with his 142-mile-an-hour "Blitzen" Benz. His manager, William Pickens, arrived in Philadelphia last night to confer with the contest committee of the Quaker City Motor Club. It is probable that Barney will participate in the meet announced for August 6.



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CAUGHT ON THE FLY IN BASEBALL WORLD

Arthur Irwin says the Cubs will win the pennant in the old league by twenty games.

The big league scouts have been tipped off that the New England League is the field to pick up the clever youngsters.

Joe Kelley is proving a big success as a pinch hitter for his Toronto club, now making a great fight for the honors in the Eastern League.

Pittsburgh is having an awful time beating Brooklyn this year. The Superbas have taken six of the seven games played against the champions.

Louisville, champion of the American Association, is anchored in last place this season, with a millionaire backer from St. Louis doing everything possible to brace up the team.

"Considering the material Fred Lake had to work with, I think he has done wonders with the Doves. Certainly we have found Boston as tough a proposition as we go against," said Manager John McGraw last night.—Boston Globe.

Unless Walter Johnson breaks his pitching arm, he will lead the American League gunners in strike-outs this season. To date the Senatorial slammer has whiffed 143 men, an average of seven to a contest. Sir Walter has breezed thirty-one Speed Boys, twenty-six White Elephants, twenty-five Highlanders, twenty-two Brownies, fourteen White Stockings, fourteen Tigers, and eleven Naps.

Cy Young, of the Naps, and Frank Smith, of the White Sox, are the hard luck pitchers of the American League, each having officiated in four games in which his club was shut out. No wonder Cy has had such trouble in reaching the 500 mark in victories. Eddie Summers and "Doc" White have each been shut out three times, while Ford, of the Athletics, has been shut out at the winning end of five whitewashes.

In view of the fact that the new home of the White Sox is very large and it will be possible to hit a home run in any field inside the fences, it has been remarked that the White Sox will be at a disadvantage. White has a home run since Chicago had a home run hit by the caliber of Harry Davis, Sam Crawford, Stanage, Eucle, Jake Stahl, and others. Hickey Duffy, however, says that he intends to remedy that fault next season, having instructed the "scouts" to sign up nothing but home run hitters of the "Home Run Haggerty" and "Swat Milligan" stripe.

The New York fans who could not see Frank LaPorte as a big league player early in the season are revising their opinions. There has been no player on the New York team who has done better work to keep the club near the top of the ladder than Frank LaPorte in the time of his hitting has been instrumental in sending in more than one winning run across the plate for the Highlanders since the season opened. It's a good thing for New York that some other club didn't nab him when waivers were asked on him a couple of months ago. With the exception of Hal Chase, LaPorte is the most consistent hitter on the New York team.

QUAKER OARSMEN WILL COME HERE

Vespers Plan for Strong Representation in National Regatta on Potomac.

PHILADELPHIA, July 11.—There was little activity along Boat House Row yesterday. With the People's Regatta of the Fourth of July over, and the National, which is to be held on the Potomac on August 12 and 13, still some time in advance, most of the oarsmen were content to sit on the shaded verandas overlooking the river and spin yarns of races past and contests yet to come.

The Vespers will probably have a larger entry list in the National than any of the other local organizations. Their senior eight, which rowed such a splendid race on the Fourth, will start training Wednesday and continue to work regularly every evening. Besides this, they will enter an intermediate eight, association singles, intermediate singles and doubles and a senior four. Penn Barge will enter an intermediate four, which will be made up in the same order as the crew that rowed in the People's Regatta, except that Capt. R. E. Goodwin will row a two in place of McNeil. Arms will stroke R. V. Chapman, third, and Uhlman, bow. This crew started work Saturday and were out yesterday morning.

An intermediate eight will also be made up to partly from the junior eight, which has been rowing all this season, and partly from some intermediate material in the club.

JOE GRIM DENIES KNOCKOUT STORY

PHILADELPHIA, July 11.—Joe Grim, the Italian champion fighter, has been receiving great attention from his friends in this city.

Joe looks rugged and healthy and says that he has gained considerable weight and now weighs 180 pounds. Grim made considerable money while he was away and brought home over \$1,000. Joe feels sure over the reports that have been sent from Paris that he was knocked out by Sam McVey. Grim states that he was not knocked out, and that the referee stopped the fight in the fourteenth round owing to an injury to Grim's leg. Grim has been promised another match with McVey, and after spending the summer here he will return to Paris next fall.

JEFFRIES KEPT HID HIS REAL CONDITION

Both Corbett and Choyinski Say They Were Badly Fooled, and Lost.

CHICAGO, July 11.—James J. Corbett, world's champion of the past, and the man who is particularly in the limelight at the present time because he was chief trainer for James J. Jeffries when Champion Jack Johnson defeated the boilermaker in their memorable battle of July 4, has arrived in Chicago. He declared in terms that could hardly be doubted that he had been badly misled in the condition of the boilermaker before the battle, and that he was not the only one in the training camp who had been fooled. The fact that \$5,000 of Corbett's money went with the rest of the Jeffries dough into the hands of Johnson's backers, Corbett thought, was conclusive evidence that he had picked a loser instead of a winner.

"It is unfortunate that I should have been fooled in Jeffries' condition as I was," said James, "but the fight is over now, and there is nothing for me to do but to apologize for my mistake. It was my opinion and also that of Joe Choyinski and other members of the camp that Jeff needed more boxing. But he wouldn't take it and suited his own fancy in the matter. Had he boxed more we certainly would have learned what his real condition was. Fishing and playing cards took up the time that he should have used with boxing gloves. The result of the fight was a big surprise, for on the surface it looked as if a man could not be in better condition than was Jeff when he entered the ring."

"But it was not the real Jeff that faced the negro. It was a nervous wreck, and Jeff hardly knew what he was doing during the time he was in the ring." Corbett was accompanied by Joe Choyinski, who said that he, too, had been treated to a little surprise party at Reno last Monday.

McGRAW PROTESTS GAME.

NEW YORK, July 11.—John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants, has filed with President Lynch, of the National League, a formal protest against the second game of the doubleheader played with Boston on Thursday. New York scored six runs—enough to win the game—in the first half of the eighth inning, and the Boston players, he says, purposely delayed the game until the umpire called time, according to agreement. The score reverted back to the seventh inning, and gave Boston the victory.

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PICTURES IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, July 11.—The moving pictures of the Jeffries-Johnson fight will be exhibited in England without interference on the part of the authorities. Home Secretary Winston Churchill announced today in the house of commons that the government had no power to prevent the exhibition of the pictures.

NEW YORK, July 11.—Heeding the world-wide clamor against the exhibition of the moving pictures of the Jeffries-Johnson fight, the affiliated companies controlling the films announced the pictures would be exhibited only in "stag" theaters, and that children will be barred from attending. Women may attend if they see fit, but they will be warned in advance of the character of the performance. The Jeffries and Johnson Corporation, composed of the nine moving picture concerns which have an interest in the fight films, has refused large offers from roof gardens and vaudeville houses in New York to be allowed to present the pictures.

J. S. Blackton, vice president of the American Vitaphone Company, one of the nine companies, declared today that the men interested in the fight pictures had all the films reeled off for them yesterday and had selected one set as the best. From this all the films to be shown throughout the country will be reproduced.

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Club vs. Club Standing

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|------------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
| CLUBS. | Athletics. | Brooklyn. | Chicago. | Detroit. | Games Won. |
| Athletics | 11 | 9 | 4 | 11 | 6 |
| Boston | 4 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 14 |
| Chicago | 2 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 21 |
| Cleveland | 1 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 23 |
| Detroit | 5 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 11 |
| New York | 5 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 41 |
| St. Louis | 2 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 0 |
| Washington | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Games lost | 23 | 30 | 35 | 33 | 39 |

VETERAN PLAYER SERIOUSLY ILL

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 11.—Neal McAuliffe, aged fifty-two, who broke into the National League in the early '80s under the management of "Pop" Anson, is dying at the City Hospital. McAuliffe was born in Chicago, and after breaking into fast company was left leader of the White Sox until '93, when he turned his angle in a game at Providence, which forced his retirement from baseball.

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